Appl. No. 10/716,307
Petition dated April 13, 200
Reply to Notice to File Missing Parts mailed February 18, 2004

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Dirk N. Yerian, et al.

Serial No.:

10/716,307

Filed:

November 18, 2003

Title:

**POWDER PREHEATING** 

Docket No.:

36110

## PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47(a)

MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice to File Missing parts mailed February 18, 2004.

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to accept the accompanying Declaration and Power of Attorney forms executed by five of the six joint inventors, Dirk N. Yerian, Daniel J. Dimassa, Carter J. Bailey, Robert W. Messner, and Keith A. Yerian, on behalf of themselves and of the fifth joint inventor, James R. Nagy.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

Una L. Schumacher

Name of Attorney for Applicant

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Signature of Attorney

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The Declaration of Una L. Schumacher, attached hereto as Exhibit A, provides proof of the pertinent facts concerning the refusal of Mr. Nagy to join in the present application for patent.

The name and address of the inventor refusing to join in this application are as follows:

James R. Nagy

398 Skylark Drive

Akron Ohio 44313

By:\_

Mr. Nagy was a joint inventor of the subject matter of the above-identified application. To date, he has refused to sign a declaration with regard to the application.

Enclosed is a check for \$195 to cover the \$65 late-declaration surcharge and the \$130 petition fee under Rules 1.47(a) and 1.17(h).

If there are any other fees required by this communication, please charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 36110.

Respectfully submitted,

PEARNE & GORDON LLP

Una L. Schumacher, Reg. No. 48998

1801 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 1200 Cleveland, Ohio 44114-3108 (216) 579-1700

Date: April 13, 2004

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Applicant: Dirk N. Yerian, et al.

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Docket No.: 36110

## **DECLARATION OF UNA L. SCHUMACHER**

MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### Dear Sir:

I, Una L. Schumacher, hereby declare that:

- 1. I am a patent attorney with the firm Pearne & Gordon LLP in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 2. On January 22, 2004, I sent to Mr. James R. Nagy, via certified mail, return receipt requested, a package containing a complete copy of the above-captioned patent application, including specification, claims, drawings and abstract, a Declaration and Power of Attorney form, an Assignment form, and a cover letter.
- 3. The above package was sent to Mr. Nagy at his residence address of:

398 Skylark Drive Akron Ohio 44313

- 4. On January 26, 2004, I received back the certified mail return receipt bearing the signature of "James Nagy" evidencing delivery and receipt of the above package at Mr. Nagy's address on January 23, 2004. A copy of the certified mail return receipt is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 5. The cover letter enclosed in the above package, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C, requested Mr. Nagy to review the enclosed application and execute and return the Power of Attorney and Assignment forms by February 20, 2004.
- 6. The letter further stated that failure to execute and return the Declaration and Power



- of Attorney form by February 20, 2004 would be deemed to constitute Mr. Nagy's refusal to join in the patent application.
- 7. The Assignment for the above-identified application was revised on March 22, 2004. Accordingly, on March 22, 2004, I sent to Mr. James R. Nagy, via certified mail, return receipt requested, the revised Assignment, another copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney form, and a cover letter.
- 8. The revised Assignment, the copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney form, and cover letter were sent to Mr. Nagy at his residence address of:

398 Skylark Drive Akron Ohio 44313

- 9. On March 26, 2004, I received back the certified mail return receipt bearing the signature of "James Nagy" evidencing delivery and receipt of the revised Assignment, the copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney form, and cover letter at Mr. Nagy's address on March 25, 2004. A copy of the certified mail return receipt is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- 10. The cover letter enclosed with the revised Assignment, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit E, requested Mr. Nagy to execute and return the revised Assignment and Declaration and Power of Attorney forms by April 12, 2004.
- 11. The letter further stated that failure to execute and return the Declaration and Power of Attorney form by April 12, 2004 would be deemed to constitute Mr. Nagy's refusal to join in the patent application.
- 12. As of today's date, Mr. Nagy has failed to return the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney form.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the present application or any patent issued thereon.

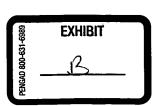
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January 22, 2004

# VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. James Nagy 398 Skylark Drive Akron, Ohio 44313

Re:

Declaration and Assignment

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/716,307

for POWDER PREHEATING

Our Docket: 36110

Dear Mr. Nagy:

I am writing to you as a named inventor for the patent application captioned above, to ask you to join in the application.

Enclosed herewith is a complete copy of the above-captioned patent application as filed, including specification, claims, drawings and abstract. Also enclosed are a Declaration and Power of Attorney form and an Assignment form.

Please review the enclosed complete application, and then execute (sign and date) the enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney form where indicated by your name. Leave the spaces for the other inventors blank. Also, please execute the enclosed Assignment form by your name, noting that your signature on the Assignment <u>must be notarized</u>.

Please then return the fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment forms to me at the above address as soon as possible, but not later than February 20, 2004. If you prefer, you may fax the fully executed documents by that date, and then return the signed originals via regular mail in due course.

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Mr. James Nagy January 22, 2004 Page 2

Your failure to execute and return the enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney form by February 20, 2004 will be deemed to constitute your refusal to join in the patent application.

Very truly yours,

Michael W. Garvey

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March 22, 2004

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Mr. James Nagy 398 Skylark Drive Akron, Ohio 44313

Re:

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POWDER PREHEATING Serial No.: 10/716,307 Filed: November 18, 2003

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Dear Mr. Nagy:

Further to our letter of January 22, 2004, I am enclosing a revised Assignment for your signature. Please sign and date the Assignment, noting that it must be notarized, and return it to our office as soon as possible.

For your convenience, I am also enclosing a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney for the same application. Please sign and date the Declaration and return it to our office for immediate filing with the U.S. Patent Office, before April 12, 2004.

Your failure to execute and return the enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney form will be deemed to constitute your refusal to join in the patent application.

Very truly yours,

Michael W. Garyey

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